

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Makoto IKEDA  
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Group Art Unit: Unknown  
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By: *Peggy Kerkhove*

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 2 Reference(s)
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$130 for the Missing Parts Completion Fee and \$790 for the filing fee
- ☒ Other: Submission of Missing Parts; Specifications from Application Nos. 09/713,613 and 09/794,736; Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- ☒ Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))**

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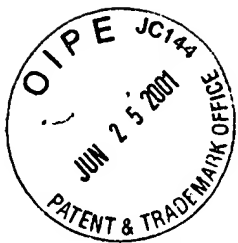
Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have a commonly assigned co-pending applications, Serial No. 09/713,613, filed November 15, 2000 and Serial No. 09/794,736, filed February 27, 2001. The specifications from both applications are enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.



No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35

U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>FORM 1449</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 12052.41US01	Application Number: 09/811149
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	08163320	June, 1996	Japan			Abstract	
	10126581	May, 1998	Japan			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		



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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	